

NINE LIVES LOST BY BURSTING OF RES- ERVOIR.

Thousands of Gallons of Water Engulfed Victims who were Drowned in the Mad and Angry Rushing Waters.

Virginia-Pilot.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 2.—A reservoir of the municipal water works located near the centre of Winston-Salem, N. C., broke at five o'clock this morning, causing the loss of nine lives and the injury of four or five persons. The dead are:

Mrs. Martin Peoples, Mrs. Vogler, Mrs. John Poe and twelve-year-old daughter, Mrs. Southern, John Southern, Miss Octavia Bailey, aged 20, Lucille Malone, Carolina Martin. The two last named are colored. The injured:

Martin V. Peoples, both legs broken, Walter Peoples, injured in back, Gilley Jordan, slightly bruised. These are at the hospital. D. L. Payne, a traveling man, of Greensboro, may recover, though his condition prevents his removal to the hospital.

WASHED HOUSES AWAY.

The north side of the reservoir, which is thirty feet high, tumbled over falling upon the home and barn of Martin V. Peoples. There were about 800,000 gallons of water in the reservoir, and the mad stream rushed northeast to the Southern railway cut, and thence to Belos Pond, a distance of a half mile. Four tenement houses were washed several hundred yards.

D. L. Payne, injured, said he was awakened by the crash and thought he was being swallowed by an earthquake. "I cannot describe my experience while I was floating on the mad, rushing stream of water," said Mr. Payne after his removal to a house near the place he was found.

There were several miraculous escapes. A colored man and his wife, named Davis, after their house was turned over, floated upon the stream of water on their bed to the railroad junction, a distance of 500 yards. The man lodged upon a heap of rubbish and walked out without a scratch.

The Winston alderman met this morning and made arrangements to bury the dead and care for the injured. The Winston reservoir was built in 1881 by a company composed of sixty citizens. Ten years ago it and the entire water plant were sold to the city. Soon thereafter ten feet were added to the height of the reservoir, which was full of water when the collapse came. The city has just had a large standpipe completed. It is full of water and the town is prepared to supply every demand.

CITY WAS EXCITED.

Despite the early hour, the news of the disaster spread over the city in an incredibly short space of time, and within thirty minutes between 500 and 1,000 people surrounded the spot. An hour later the entire city was aroused and excited. Before the extent of the damage was known, and while it was thought that perhaps the members of the Peoples family were the only ones who had lost their lives, cries of distress were heard farther down the stream.

The thousands of gallons of water that flowed from the reservoir formed a pond in the vicinity and it was thought that several people might have been drowned in this. The city council met and decided to drain the pond in order to recover any bodies that might lie beneath the water.

The reservoir was situated about five blocks from the center of the business district of the city and surrounded by a number of residences and several small stores. It is understood that the structure had been condemned, but the city authorities had failed to remove it.

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PREVENT DIPHTHERIA.

Prevalent in the State:

The Editor of THE COMMONWEALTH: Diphtheria, I regret to say, is becoming quite prevalent in the State. This justly dreaded disease has been largely robbed of its horrors by the modern methods of prevention and of treatment by antitoxin. The people should be informed of these methods. Will you not kindly help in this by printing the accompanying article on the subject by Dr. McCarthy, the Biologist of the Board of Health?

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Secretary State Board of Health.

The diphtheria season is now here, and a few words to the public may be in place. Diphtheria is a communicable germ disease due to the presence in the circulation of toxins or soluble poisons excreted by *Bacillus diphtheriae*, whose local seat in human patients is in the throat. The germ of diphtheria was discovered in 1884 by two German biologists, Loeffler and Klebs, hence the germ is popularly called after their names.

The clinical symptoms of diphtheria are the formation in throat or on tonsils of a false membrane, and subsequently the development of symptoms of general poisoning, followed by paralysis of the muscles, especially those of the throat, eyes, heart and legs.

The isolation, by microscopic examination or culture methods, of the Klebs-Loeffler germ from throat exudates or from the false membrane is the surest and quickest means of diagnosing diphtheria. This diagnosis is very easily made when good samples of exudate are obtained from the throat. Such examinations are made free of charge for physicians in the laboratory of the State Board of Health at Raleigh.

The germ of diphtheria, when dried, possesses great powers of resistance. It may be found alive and virulent in the dust of a room in which a person sick with diphtheria had lived six months or more previously. This fact indicates the importance of thoroughly disinfecting all rooms and buildings in which cases of diphtheria have occurred before healthy persons, and more especially children, are permitted to inhabit. The best available disinfectants for this use are 40 per cent. formaldehyde and sulphur fumes.

Formaldehyde, 40 per cent., can be bought of most druggists. To use this substance for disinfecting a room, for each 1,000 cubic feet of space, take one pint. Add to this four times its volume of clear water and evaporate the whole over any kind of a heater, having first made the room as nearly air-tight as possible. Let room stay closed for at least twelve hours. This substance does not bleach colors nor in any way injure pictures or other articles usually found in homes.

If sulphur is used, take for each 1,000 cubic feet of space three pounds. Pour upon this a gill of alcohol and set fire to it, having first made the room air-tight. To insure safety against fire, place the sulphur in an iron pan or pot and float the latter vessel upon a large dish of water. Let the room remain closed for twelve hours. Sulphur fumes are liable to bleach colored cloths, paper and pictures. There are many "patent" germicides on the market, but most of these are worthless. There are no household disinfectants better or cheaper than the two just mentioned.

It must be remembered by all who have responsibility for diphtheric patients that for some three or more weeks after all clinical symptoms of the disease have vanished the germs alive and virulent may still be found in the throat and sputum of patients. An attack of diphtheria renders the patient himself temporarily immune from further infection, but such patient may still infect healthy persons. The acquired immunity is only transient, lasting usually but a few weeks.

The following rules concerning diphtheria have been published by the National Conference of State and Provincial Boards of Health and adopted by the North Carolina Board, to-wit:

Resolved, That the isolation of any person affected with diphtheria or so-called laryngeal or membranous croup, and of the nurse or nurses attendant upon such person, shall be absolute and shall be governed by the following regulations:

1. Wherever the presence of the *Bacillus diphtheriae* is in any manner reported by an approved bacteriologist, the house should forthwith be quarantined and a plainly printed notice thereof, including the name of the disease, should be posted in a conspicuous place thereon, and guards stationed if necessary.

2. It is the duty of the attending physician to report to the local health officer the names and addresses of those who have been exposed to diphtheria.

3. It is the duty of the attending physician or local health officer to take and forward to the laboratory of the State Board of Health, or other approved bacteriological laboratory, specimens from the throats of those exposed to diphtheria, and, pending a report thereon, to see that isolation is maintained.

4. After the laboratory diagnosis of

diphtheria has been given it shall be the duty of the health officer to see that specimens from both nose and throat of the patient are forwarded by himself or the attending physician to a laboratory approved by the State Board of Health, once a week after clinical symptoms have subsided, until negative reports for both nose and throat are obtained.

GERALD MCCARTHY,
Biologist N. C. Board of Health,
Raleigh, N. C., October 10, 1904.

Cowpea Statistics.

Prof. Andrew M. Soule, in Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore for November.

So much has been said and written about the cowpea in all the agricultural journals of the country that one would naturally expect to find it more extensively cultivated than the following statistics indicate. The figures presented in the tables below were taken from the census report of 1900, and, owing to the great and growing importance of this crop, they are deemed worthy of publication in these columns, for, after all, we are only beginning to realize the value of the cowpea crop, and anything that will tend to disseminate useful information about it is of the utmost value to the Southern farmer:

State.	Acres.	Yield in bushels.
South Carolina.....	143,070	1,162,705
Georgia.....	167,032	1,130,441
North Carolina.....	88,407	876,167
Tennessee.....	82,841	700,663
Alabama.....	91,125	665,388
Mississippi.....	69,400	590,537
Texas.....	33,973	333,462
Arkansas.....	31,414	245,894
Virginia.....	22,206	219,142
Florida.....	17,875	159,814
Louisiana.....	15,190	146,298
Kentucky.....	8,394	83,089

Total..... 771,018 6,313,600

771,018 acres were devoted to the culture of cowpeas in the 12 States, which produce practically all the seed grown. The total yield of seed in 1899 was 6,313,600 bushels, which, at \$1 a bushel, would give the crop a value of \$6,313,600 for the seed alone, and, as each acre should have produced one and one-half to two tons of hay, worth at a moderate estimate, \$10 a ton, the total value of the hay crop would be \$15,420,360. But this is not all, for our best authorities agree that when a crop of cowpeas is grown on the land the roots, stubble and fallen leaves will add at least 20 pounds per acre to the available soil nitrogen. As this nitrogen is obtained from the air through the aid of the little bacteria which live in the nodules on the roots of the cowpea, it is the cheapest form of fertilizer the Southern farmer can utilize. The amount of nitrogen thus added to the soil on the 771,018 acres cultivated in the South in 1899 amounts to 15,420,360 pounds, which, at 15 cents per pound, the price the farmer would have to pay for it in the form of commercial fertilizer, would cost \$2,313,054. The total value of the cowpea crop to the Southern farmer would therefore be \$24,047,004. Thus, while the cultivation of the cowpea is still in its infancy, its aggregate value is an important matter to the farmers of the South.

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Three Men Kill a Woman.

Wilmington Messenger 3rd.

On Tuesday afternoon on the farm of W. H. Bell, near Bayboro, a most atrocious crime was enacted when three men assaulted a helpless woman with a hoe and fence rails beating her in such a fearful manner that she died yesterday as a result of the injuries.

Sometime ago W. H. Bell and his wife had a quarrel and separated. On Tuesday Bell and his two nephews, W. A. and W. T. Bell, went into a field to dig potatoes. Soon after reaching the field Bell's wife appeared on the scene and a quarrel ensued. In his anger W. T. Bell struck the woman a hard blow on the head with a hoe, felling her to the ground. His nephew, W. A. Bell then struck her with a fence rail and the husband also seized a rail and dealt the prostrate woman another blow.

All three of the men have been arrested and there is strong feeling against them. The manner in which they assaulted the poor woman was as brutal as it could have possibly been.

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THIS DOG IS A TRAVELER.

Prime Favorite with Railway Employees and Seems to Know the Timetable.

For two months Roxy traveled every day between Garden City and Hempstead. He would appear on the station platform at just the right time to take a train, and always seemed to know the exact time scheduled for the coming in or going out of the various trains. Where he kept his timetable nobody knew, but he evidently had one, writes Evelyn Nicholas Kerr, in "Roxy—Train Man," in St. Nicholas.

One day he was missing, and there was consternation among the men, who had grown fond of him. For two days nothing was heard of him, and grave looks were exchanged when the question was asked many times during those two days: "Seen anything of Roxy?"

Then came good news, for it was learned he had extended his travels. He had gone as far as Long Island City, stayed all night, taken several rides on the ferryboat next morning, gone into the dock and played around the engines, then back to the station, and from the many trains manifesting there had picked out the Hempstead train and ridden gaily home on the engine. How glad the men were to see him at that end of the line! This was his first ride on the engine, and it soon became his favorite place. Sometimes he would ride in the passenger coach; occasionally he rode in the baggage car; but more often he was found in his favorite place, the engine. There, perched on the seat on the fireman's side—he never thought of going on the engineer's side, where, of course, he might be in the way—with two paws firmly braced on the sill, he watched the country as the train swept by.

Life now flowed along smoothly for Roxy. The conductor kept his word and spoke to the "boys," and the result was a handsome official-plated collar made to order for the dog. On one side of the collar is a brass plate bearing the single word in large letters, TRAINMAN. On the other side is a similar plate on which are engraved the words:

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WATER'S GREAT PRESSURE.

Test with a Diving Bell Which Collapsed at a Depth of Two Hundred Feet.

In a scrapyard at Pittsburg lies a shapeless mass of iron which shows the tremendous pressure of water at a great depth. It was constructed for a diving bell and was used in the waters of Lake Michigan, says the New York Herald.

It was a cube about six feet square, and was made of phosphor bronze five-eighths of an inch thick. Each plate was cast with a flange, and the plates were bolted together, the bolts being placed as near as was consistent with strength.

The side plates were further strengthened by ribs an inch thick and two inches wide, and the entire structure was strongly braced. The windows, intended to be used as outlooks for the divers inside, were three inches square, fortified with iron bars and set with glass plates one inch thick. The entire weight of the bell was 23,000 pounds.

When completed it was sent to Milwaukee and towed out into the lake about 12 miles, where there was over 200 feet of water, and sent down for the test.

The inventor was so confident of its success that he was most anxious to go down in the bell when the trial was made. Fortunately for him he was dissuaded.

When it reached a depth of about 200 feet among timbers which had been attached to it came up splintered into fragments. Suspecting an accident, the bell was hauled up and found to be crushed into a shapeless mass.

The inch-thick plate glass bullseyes were pulverized and the entire body of the bell forced inward till the original shape was obliterated. On a basis of 200 feet depth, the pressure that crushed this seemingly invulnerable structure was 86.5 pounds per square inch. The total pressure on the cube was 2,723,548 pounds, or 1261.7 tons.

Which One It Was.

"This custom of having two telephones in the office has its disadvantages, too," said the business man. "We've got a new office boy, and one of his duties is to answer the telephone. The other day he heard the bell ring, and, coming to me, said: 'You're wanted at the phone by a lady.'"

"Which one?" I inquired, thinking of the "phones, of course.

"Please, sir," stammered the boy, "I—I think it's your wife."—Portland Express.

Vast Fortune Is Not Riches.

To be engulfed in one's occupation, swallowed up in a complicated life, harassed by the striving and straining, the worry and anxiety which accompanies a vast fortune, is not to be rich. Time and opportunity and inclination to help others are the most valuable things in the world, and if you cannot seize these, if you cannot utilize them to your own enlargement, your own betterment, you are poor indeed, although you have millions in the bank.—Success.

HOW WE CATCH A COLD.

A cold is sometimes contracted while remaining inactive for a while in an uncomfortable room, or a cold draft, or by falling to sleep under like conditions. But most colds are caught by sleeping too cold at night. Deep sleep causes sluggish circulation which renders the system susceptible to change of temperature. To prevent colds sleep under a plenty cover. To cure colds use Rydale's Elixir. It lessens the duration of a cold and prevents pneumonia, bronchitis and consumption. —E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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North Carolina, } In the Superior
Halifax County } Court.

Elizabeth Brown }
against }
Atlas Brown. } Notice:

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Halifax county to secure the Plaintiff an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now binding her to the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the 12th Monday after the 1st Monday in September, 1904, at the Courtroom in said county, in Halifax, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
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S. M. GARY,
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SANDS GAYLE,
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